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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1) PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$810.00 (large entity) RCE fee;
- 2) Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
- 3) Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114;
- 4) Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (b);
- 5) Form PTO/SB/O8A citing six (6) documents (US4-US7 and FP8-FP9);
- 6) Copies of two (2) cited documents (FP8-FP9);
- 7) Form PTO/SB/O8B citing four (4) documents (NPL1-NPL4);
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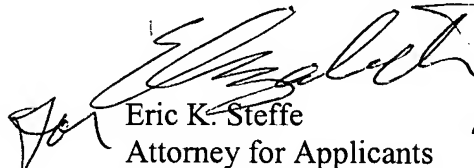
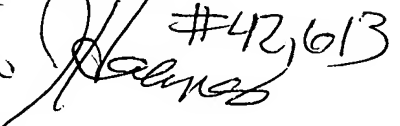
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